Chief Information Officer

Advisory

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To: Distribution

Subject: Interim Approved Products: ePass Montana for

Secured Service Access and Electronic Payment

Processing Portal

The Interim Approved Products: ePass Montana Secured Service Access (ePass Montana) and Electronic Payment Processing Portal (State Payment Portal) are effective January 1, 2008, and are available on the Enterprise Information Technology Policies webpage (http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/itpolicy.asp).

These interim products have been approved for use in the State of Montana IT Enterprise.

The planning and implementation of the ePass Montana and State Payment Portal products have been in progress for more than six years; however, state standards governing these solutions do not currently exist.

As a result:

- The approved products are *interim*, pending adoption of State of Montana standards.
- The product approvals have a review date of twelve months from effective date, at which time the approvals will be returned for full consideration and review.
- Deficiencies may be identified in the approvals during their interim life, and those will be addressed not later than the follow-on consideration and review.

These product approvals fall under the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act (2-17-505, MCA) that states the Department (of Administration) "...shall establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards".

Please address any questions, comments or concerns to:

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